

Board Meeting Minutes
Lake Spokane Association
August 24, 2018

The September board meeting convened on Friday, August 24 at 6:00 pm at the home of president Greg Weeks. The meeting date was changed from September 15 due to board members' travel plans. Board members present were Greg Weeks, Ken Carmichael, Galen Buterbaugh and Jan Jenne. Also attending were LSA members Kay Weeks and Vern Cardon.

Agenda item 1: Bunny: Minutes for the July 11 meeting were approved as per previous email distribution.

Agenda item 2: Membership report: Greg for Becky: There have been 2 new members added to the group since the last meeting. Greg also reports that Becky will not be able to continue as membership chair. There was a brief discussion regarding potential replacements for this position. It was decided to table this until the next meeting.

Agenda item 3: Treasury report: Ken reports the expense of \$583.00 for D&O Insurance annual premium on August 14. Income for 2 new members of \$29.26 and account interest of \$.28 for a total operating fund balance of \$3719.23, and a \$2398.40 weed fund total for a combined total of \$6117.63.

Agenda item 4: Facebook report: There was no report in Gail's absence.

Agenda item 5: SRRTTF/Algae report: Galen reports that there is a new facilitating company, White Bluff Consulting for SRRTTF. They managed the last meeting for them and Galen states that it went well.

Galen noted that he has seen some algae blooms which he has identified as the same new variety that was present for the first time last year. No samples have been sent for State testing to date.

Agenda item 6: Annual Weed treatment: Greg noted that there have been varying degrees of effectiveness reported for the annual weed spraying. Bunny reports that there was little effect on the submerged weed treatment application to their frontage. Two weeks post treatment all weeds were still standing so they used a "toss and pull" cutting tool to remove the weeds. She did call Dave Klutz at Lakeland Restoration to inform him so that he would know that the chemical treatment had little effect. He mentioned they had heard from a few homeowners who also had mixed or poor results. He offered a winter treatment during drawdown at no additional cost to those homeowners. Greg reports that he experienced varying degrees of effect on his submerged weeds. There was some general discussion regarding future weed abatement possibilities for the lake and the need to continue to investigate all options noting the complexities of lake weed management.

Agenda item 7: Report on Spokane River Keepers: Galen reports that Spokane River Keepers is in the process of reorganization due to the upcoming departure of Rick Eichstadt. Galen also said that he was contacted per email by Julie Schultz from the Center for Justice about an oily scum that was reported in the upper lake area with complaints that lake users had noted that Lakeland had been seen treating weeds on July 9th in the same area that the scum was subsequently noted. After examination, it was determined that the oily scum was harmless organic material related to the decomposition of the vegetation. No intervention was needed.

Galen also mentioned that Jerry White of River Keepers wrote a positive informational report about Lake Spokane, which was published on the internet and was then shared over 260 times.

Agenda item 8: Stevens County Parks/Lake Spokane Chamber of Commerce: Jan reports that there has been no new activity with the Parks since our last meeting. She notes that the Chamber of Commerce is currently working on a web site. Their major annual event, the Fourth of July car show and firework display was deemed a great success with many car entries and a large number of spectators for both the car show and the firework display.

Agenda item 9: Future direction for LSA. There was a brief discussion about the direction for the future of LSA. In view of the declining interest of members at large to become active in the management of LSA, the board is considering what the future direction of the organization should or can be. The board members present determined that it should seriously consider realistic options and bring their thoughts to the next meeting November 14, 2018.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:15. After the meeting Greg and Kay Weeks hosted a delicious meal for all in attendance.

Bunny Cardon
Secretary